departments which have to pay you. Why are you not insisting on 'cash and carry' system in the case of Railways, Defence, Steel and other Ministries?

SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA: Sir, in the case of certain organisations, we have the system of revolving letter of credit. For example, in the case of NTPC, we have this system. They go on paying. There is a pattern in their payment. After all, CIL is doing busines. They are carrying on business. It is a company. We find that on every fifth day, they are paying. Therefore, it is according to the pattern of payment by the customer. Where we find that the customer is an habitual defaulter, we are insisting on 'cash and carry' system. Where we find that they are paying at regular intervals, may not be on the dot, on the date of the sale, ... (*Interruptions*)

May I complete?

MR. CHAIRMAN: This is not a debate, Mr. Mahajan.

SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA: There are certain outstanding dues which have been disputed by them. We are taking it to arbitration. We are negotiating so that these are paid quickly.

SHRI S. S. SURJEWALA: Mr. Chairman, Sir, the hon. Minister has not replied to the two very important questions which have been raised. One is, whether the Government proposes to impose a penalty on certain companies which have defaulted? Secondly, what are the names of these companies? The answers to these two questions have not come.

Then, I would like to know from the hon. Minister whether he is aware of the operation of a mafia in the coal pitheads. This mafia operation is to such an extent that not only it is causing great loss to these companies and to the State Governments, but there is also extortion of money from the general public, from the common consumers, who go there for loading and other purposes.

Secondly, the hon. Minister has enumerated the five steps for improvement of quality. In how many pitheads the electronic weighbridges and other facilities have been installed? I think there are very few pitheads where these weighbridges have been installed.

There is also another complaint that many of the coal rakes are diverted from one power station to another power station. Is it a fact?

SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA: So far as the first question of the hon. Member is concerned, information about some mafia gangs operating in certain sectors has come to the notice of the Government. The law and order is with the State Government. It is being taken up. Security is being augmented.

So far as the second portion is concerned, I have already answered that 73 per cent is now covered by weighbridges and coal handling plants etc. It appears from the CIL's information that 90 per cent would be covered by March 1994.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Trade Relations with South Africa

*81. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA:
SHRI SURESH KALMADI:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have initiated a plan to enter into trade relations with South Africa; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) Government has not opened trade relations with South Africa.

(b) Does not arise.

International Standards for Textile Exports

*85. SHRI ANANTRAM JAISWAL: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of ISO 9000 standard set by the International Standards Organisation for textile and cloth exporters;

(b) the name of the textile exporters having turnover above Rs. 1 crore per annum and against whom Textile Committee has received complaints